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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/22/2007 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-20, and 22-33 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art does not teach or suggest, in combination with the other claimed limitations, selectively correcting a critical dimension error in a single feature by exposing the feature to an electron beam. Wong, the closest prior art of record, teaches flood-exposing a plurality of features to an electron beam to correct a critical dimension error. Rather, in independent claims 1, 10, 17, and 24, Applicant claims selectively exposing a single feature of a plurality of features, which is distinct from the teachings of Wong. Since Wong teaches a flood exposure, there would be no motivation to combine other relevant prior art with this reference to arrive at the invention as claimed by Applicant, since such a modification would needlessly complicate the process taught by Wong.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather A. Doty, whose telephone number is 571-272-8429. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:30 - 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead, Jr., can be reached at 571-272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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